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Report of the Committee on Resolutions

We, the members of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, express our humble gratitude to God for the privilege of meeting once again in His cause. Bishop Wilbur E. Hammaker, the Council President, keynoted the meeting in his opening address on the subject, "Is there any word from the Lord" God has spoken: "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people., and again, "The nation and kingdom that will not serve Thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." With His vision before us of a regenerated and ennobled manhood, and a world of sobriety and righteousness, with Christ's commission upon us, and by the power of His Spirit, we rededicate ourselves to the task of the ultimate abolition of the whole liquor traffic.

The National Administration

We again commend our President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, for his personal conduct and for his willingness to shatter precedent in an effort to raise the moral standard in government in Washington, D. C., the influence of which is felt across the nation and the world.

We especially appreciate the attitude of the White House, disapproving Christmas drinking parties in government offices. However, we deplore the fact that liquor still flows freely in many parts of government and political life.

Capitol Hill Club

The Constitution and printed brochure of the Capitol Hill Club, located opposite the House Office Building, limits membership to Republicans only, men and women, with annual and life memberships, to whom liquors

are now being served at tables with meals and at the bar to members and their friends at all hours of legal sale.

We respectfully protest the operation of the liquor bar in the above named club, as a reflection upon the party in power. We believe this is unworthy of the party of Abraham Lincoln, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover and a long list of party leaders who conducted the government on a high plane of temperance and morality. We believe that the Republican Party, known as "The Grand Old Party" that abolished slavery, with its historic moral background, should not now engage in the liquor business under any classification—wholesale, retail, cocktail bar, cafe or saloon.

Armed Services

The members of the Council express their heartfelt gratitude to President Eisenhower and to Secretary of Defense Wilson and to all officials in Congress and the Pentagon who were responsible for rescinding the regulation permitting the sale of package liquors at Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force bases in the Continental United States. We believe this is one step in the right direction. We urge that the restriction on the sale of package liquors be made all-inclusive, both within the United States and also at all establishments of the Armed Forces in any part of the world.

We believe that the regulations permitting the sale by the drink of alcoholic beverages at officers and N.C.O. clubs at all Armed Forces

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THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Rev. J. Renwick Patterson, D.D.

The title of this article is taken from the reply of Jesus (Matt. 16:3) to the Pharisees and Sadducees who came asking for a sign from heaven. He told them that while they could discern the signs of the weather, they were unable to discern the signs of the times. Had they so been able, they would have known that Jesus Himself had come from God and that His words and works were all signs from heaven. In fact, they were living in the midst of an abundance of such signs, but they couldn't discern them. Jesus said, "How is it that ye do not discern this time?" (Luke 12:56.) They were the spiritual leaders of their day, but were themselves spiritually blind. They were unable to properly appraise the moral and spiritual conditions of their own day. Had they not been spiritually blind, it would not have been necessary for Jesus to tell them they belonged to a wicked and adulterous generation. They would have discerned it and would have repented and would have called for the people also to repent.

But they did not repent, nor did they call for the people to repent. In fact, they opposed every effort to bring the people to repentance while they burdened them with the traditions of the fathers and stirred them to hatred toward the Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ and finding through Him forgiveness and peace, they said as indicated in the parable of the pounds, "We will not have this man to reign over us." (Luke 19:14.)

The Times Were Bad

The signs indicated that their times were bad—very bad indeed. John the Baptist had called them a "generation of vipers." (Matt. 3:7.) He had said to the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to his baptism, "O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth, therefore, fruits meet for repentance."

These people trusted in the past. Being the children of Abraham according to the flesh, they felt they were in—they belonged. They were and would ever remain God's specially chosen people. They were not Gentiles, they were not heathen, they **were the Jews**. But John warned them, saying, "The axe is laid unto the root of the tree, therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." (Matt. 3:10.)

John the Baptist could discern the signs of the times, but they could not. The same was true of the prophets before John—Jeremiah, Isaiah, Amos and the rest. They were all men who understood the times. They could see that the corruption and social evils of their day were not a normal and necessary part of life—that they were sins of which to

repent and from which to turn away. They declared that time was running out, and without repenting and turning unto the Lord God, fire and judgment would follow.

What About Now?

But what of our day? What are the signs of our times? Is our time also running out? Is it later than we think? Are we, too, headed for judgment? Are we able to discern the signs of our times? This does not mean, are we able to tell what time it is by the clock of the ages so that we may know how many years and months and days it will be until the end of time, but what time it is according to the clock of our own day. What are the signs of the times? Can we go on as we are without destroying ourselves? Where are we now and where are we going? Do we know our bearings? That is the question. On the original cover of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists was the design of a clock with the minute hand standing at eight minutes to twelve. Is there any significance in the fact that with the September 1953 issue the hand was moved to two minutes to twelve?

With the world of our day sitting on an atomic-hydrogen-cobalt powder keg powerful enough to completely destroy civilization, it is imperative that we know the signs of our times.

What are the signs of the times in our society—in the nation and in the world? Do we as a nation fear God? We say on our coins, "In God we trust," but do we mean it? Is this trust reflected in the life of our society and nation? How would John the Baptist picture us today? Would he call us a generation of vipers? Would the Lord Jesus Christ declare us a wicked and adulterous generation? Just how different are we from the generation of Jesus' day? They said in effect, "We will not have this man to reign over us." Despite our lip service, do we not in practice say the same thing? Look at the liquor traffic. Look at the Kinsey reports. Look at the F.B.I. crime reports. Crime is on the increase, drunkenness is on the increase, gambling is on the increase, Sabbath desecration is on the increase, secularism in education is on the increase. Our whole way of life is becoming more and more secular. We live as if man and not God had the last word.

Some destroy the heart of the Gospel and interpret Christianity simply in social and ethical terms. True, Christianity is an ethical religion, but its ethics and morals, which are at the very highest level, spring from a redemptive context which centers in the substitutionary death and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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DEPRAVITY FOR CHILDREN—10c A Copy

By IRVING M. KRAVSOW

(From an article printed in the Feb. 16, 1954 Congressional Record, and which appeared originally two days earlier in the Hartford Courant.)

Ten cents at your neighborhood drugstore or newsstand will buy your child a short course in murder, mayhem, robbery, rape, cannibalism, carnage, sex, sadism, and worse.

These are only a sample of the types of crimes and practices explained in detail with pictures in a variety of comic books being bought and read daily by countless children.

In this country, 65 million comic books are printed each month.

Some of the pictures and texts are so suggestive that it isn't possible to quote them in a family newspaper. Others are just soaked in gore, with the characters mouthing phrases which would earn any youngster a spanking if uttered in the house.

T. E. Murphy, in his column, Of Many Things, in the Courant, was shocked to find his own youngsters reading a few of these comic books, and asked the question, "Do you know what your children are reading?"

To find out, a reporter went to a section of the city where juvenile delinquents, traveling singly and in gangs, have troubled the area in recent years.

With a pocketful of dimes, he visited most of the drugstores in the area to examine the types of comic books sold.

Walking into each drugstore, he asked the same question, "Do you have any comic books for children?"

"Indeed we do," was the answer every time, and the druggists indicated either racks displaying the books or brought out stacks of the comic books from under the counter.

The stores that kept the books under the counter weren't doing it because they felt the material in the books was unsuitable for children.

Several druggists told the reporter they kept the books under the counter because they didn't want the youngsters coming into the store, reading the books, then not buying them.

All the books had in common a penchant for violent death in every form imaginable. Many of the books dwelled in detail on various forms of insanity and stressed sadism.

Others were devoted to cannibalism with monsters in human form feasting on human bodies, usually the bodies of women dressed in such a way as to put the creators of historical fiction book covers to shame.

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A company called Superior Comic publishes one which has blood pouring from every page. It has one story about adultery and a murder of a husband

for profit. Another about mass murder, bootlegging, lust, and revenge and another about a judge who sentenced a murderer to die and is killed by the slayer's curses.

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The opening scene in a book by Classic Syndicates, Inc., shows the locker room of a university called "P.U.," with the football team, looking like thugs and morons, drinking whisky, smoking cigars, and cheating on examinations. The rest of the story tells how the studious pupils are fools and that only the cheaters, gamblers, football players, and other dishonest persons succeed in college, and the penalty for losing a football game is dismissal from school in disgrace and death at the hands of gamblers and crooks.

Another story in this book tells about a man who invents a potion to make himself invisible so he could have fun by tripping pedestrians, stealing from stores, and robbing a bank.

It contains another story called the Bull Thrower, which is pure sex. It is about a lady bullfighter and contains a raft of double entendres and suggestive pictures.

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These are just a sample of the hundreds of books sold each month in this city through newsstands and drugstores.

In one drugstore, where the reporter found the worst selection of all, he overheard the druggist talking to some children in the store. As the reporter leafed through the comic books the druggist was reading a paper and saying:

"It's terrible. Every day more people are getting killed or murdered."

J. R. P.

JANUARY STATESMAN MOST FAVORABLY RECEIVED

The January, 1954, issue of The Christian Statesman containing the address, "Wise Men From the West" by Dr. J. Calvin Reid, has been most highly commended. One business man in Chicago was so favorably impressed that he ordered 1,000 copies for his personal distribution. In order to fill this order and other requests for copies, it was necessary to have a re-run of 1,000 extra copies.

Also many favorable comments were received regarding Dr. McCarroll's splendid article, "Is Christianity a Sect," which appeared in this same issue.

We are grateful to the men who authored these articles and are thankful that we had the privilege of carrying the same on the pages of The Christian Statesman.

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On February 1, 1954, the fee for notice of undelivered second class mail was increased from 2 cents to 3 cents. We are, therefore, kindly requesting our readers to please notify The Christian Statesman immediately upon any change of address, since magazines are not forwarded by the Post Office, but are returned to the sender at a cost of three cents each.

BILLS TO CURB ILLEGAL GAMBLING ACTIVITIES

Congressman Kenneth B. Keating of New York has introduced in the House two bills designed to curb illegal gambling activities:

The first of these, H. R. 7311, a bill to improve the enforcement of laws pertaining to gambling by suppressing the transmission of certain gambling information, was introduced on January 18, 1954, and was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The wire service is the life-line of the bookmaking racket and this bill is aimed directly at this wire service.

The second of these bills, H. R. 7975, introduced on February 8, 1954, is designed to substantially broaden the Lottery Act of 1895 so as to reach other gambling enterprises and gambling devices. The revision of the Act called for in the bill has been specifically recommended by the American Bar Association.

The first blow aimed by Congress at organized crime in interstate commerce was the Lottery Act. It put a quick end to the national lottery racket which had outgrown the powers of any of the states sixty years ago.

Today the overlords of crime are still fattening themselves on nationwide gambling operations in all the other categories except lotteries. Since the Lottery Act has worked so effectively in dealing with lotteries, there is every reason to believe that other illegal activities, such as illegal bookmaking, will respond just as readily to this same approach.

Letters should be sent to Hon. Kenneth B. Keating, House Office Building, Washington, D.C., who introduced these bills, commending him for his action and urging the passage of the bills. Also to the chairmen of the committees to which the bills were referred, urging favorable action.

Regarding H. R. 7311, write Hon. Charles A. Wolverton, Chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Regarding H. R. 7975, write Hon. Chauncey W. Reed, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

J. R. P.

OFF-TRACK BETTING PLAN CONDEMNED

The Protestant Council of the City of New York has taken strong exception to recent hints from some city officials that "off-track" betting on the horses should be legalized to help the city out of its financial distress.

"Legalized gambling has a history of breeding poverty, crime, corruption, demoralization of moral and ethical standards and lower living standards," the Council statement asserted. And as for the financial help it might mean to the city in tax revenues, the Council said, "the money diverted to off-track betting will deprive existing charitable institutions of funds required for their continued existence, and give the city more financial troubles in assuming the burden of their support."

The statement, signed by Arthur Atha as chairman of the Council's Off-Track Betting Committee, cited the American Bar Association as having declared: "No one has ever been able to come forward with positive arguments in favor of professional gambling in terms of intrinsic worth or social utility."—Religious News Weekly, Feb. 2, 1954.

ORDERS FOR DR. FLEMING'S BOOK

On February 20th, a surprising and gratifying order came to us for 466 copies of Dr. Fleming's book, "God in Our Public Schools," to be placed in the hands of each member of the House of Representatives and Senate of the United States Congress. This order came from a friend in California who had previously secured a large number of copies of this book. Some one very much interested in giving the Bible its rightful place in our public schools provided the means to place the book with these officials of our nation.

A few months ago, an order was received for 50 copies of this book from the Bob Jones University of Greenville, South Carolina, for use in connection with the study of this subject in one of their classes. Later an order for ten more copies was received from this University. Other orders for single copies have also been received.

The first edition of "God in Our Public Schools" was published in 1942; a second edition in 1944; and a third in 1947.

While not entirely up to date with reference to the present situation, this book is one of the best ever published on this subject. It sets forth the basic principles on which the Bible and fundamental religious truth has a right in our Public Schools, and also deals with the subject from a practical standpoint.

Why should not readers of the Christian Statesman follow the example of these friends who are securing copies of this book and placing them in the hands of key people—schoolmen, legislators, officers of Parent-Teacher Associations and others interested in this cause?

The cost is low. If this book were published at the present time, the cost would be not less than \$2.50 per copy. But it sells for \$1.50 per copy. In quantities of 10 copies and upwards at \$1.00 per copy, if sent to one address. Order from the National Reform Association—209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

COMMENDATION OF WORK WELL DONE

It is not our custom to praise ourselves but when others praise us for a work well done, we believe our friends will pardon us for passing it on to them.

The Chairman of the Committee Against Liquor Advertising of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council presented his report at the Annual Meeting of the Council in Washington, D.C., January 19-21, 1954. The resolutions adopted at this meeting appear in this issue of The Christian Statesman. Following his report, the minutes of the meeting contain the following:

"Dr. R. H. Martin, Chairman of the Committee Against Liquor Advertising, gave a most comprehensive and encouraging report on the present status of magazines carrying alcoholic beverage advertising, showing an appreciable decrease in the number of ads. carried and amount spent for alcoholic beverage advertising; also showing increased participation in the Crusade, both within and without the Council. Only two of the nine magazines which accept liquor advertising named in the Crusade Circular increased their revenue from this source in 1953 over 1952. There was a decrease in the advertising revenue of the remaining seven."

"Mrs. Glenn C. Hayes remarked, 'That was an enormous job, apparently well done, and contains material that will be very valuable to me.'

"Bishop Hammaker stated, 'Several years ago we were all guessing; six or seven years ago, Dr. Martin started on an exploration—a survey. The result has been factual knowledge. Wherever people go that are interested, they use these figures. They have been very valuable.'

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MRS. STAPF'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED WITH REGRET

After twenty-six and one half years of service with the National Reform Association, Marian Wiegel Stapf resigned her position as Office Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Association to take effect September 30, 1953, and with her husband, Herbert F. Stapf, left for the far west where they have purchased a home at Leucadia, California. Best wishes of the Board follow them.



Since her marriage some seven or eight years ago, Mrs. Stapf had not only been carrying the work in the office of the National Reform Association but also that of housewife. She felt that this double task was too heavy for her to carry longer and that she should be relieved of one or the other. Of course, she sought relief from the former. It was with genuine regret that the Board of Directors accepted her resignation.

As one who was in the office with Mrs. Stapf over this long period of years and who came in daily contact with her in carrying forward the Association work, it is a pleasure to testify to her ability, efficiency, her faithfulness and her loyalty to the Association. She took a genuine interest in the Association's work and familiarized herself with all of its details. Her judgment was good. By her gracious personality and her kindly service, she won many friends for the Association and its cause.

In recognition of her fine service, the Association's Board of Directors arranged for a testimonial dinner at which Mr. and Mrs. Stapf were the honor guests.

At this dinner, every member of the Board present expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Stapf, not only as a faithful employee of the Association, but also as a friend whom they held in high esteem.

Mr. Frank H. Davis, President of the Board, placed in Mrs. Stapf's hands a check for a substantial sum contributed by the Members of the Board.

The Board of Directors has been very fortunate in filling the place made vacant by Mrs. Stapf's resignation. Miss Myrtle Z. Crooks was elected as office secretary and began her service with the Association a few weeks before Mrs. Stapf left us. She has already proven herself a worthy successor of Mrs. Stapf. As evidence of this, four months after she came to the Association, the Board of Directors elected her as Assistant Treasurer, and she is now filling both positions acceptably.—R. H. M.

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bases and the sale of beer to enlisted men should be rescinded to bring the practice of the Armed Forces into line with the Anti-Canteen Act of 1901.

In view of the recent Gallup Poll showing 47% opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages in officers and non-com clubs compared with 44% in favor and 9% non-committal, we believe these regulations are entirely realistic in the interest of better morale in the Armed Services, and we call upon the Department of Defense and the Congress to take prompt action toward the complete elimination of all alcoholic beverages from all branches of the Armed Forces.

Juvenile Delinquency

We express our appreciation to the Senate Subcommittee on Juvenile Delinquency, its chairman and its investigators for uncovering the unsavory conditions created by the liquor traffic in disregard of law in and around dance halls frequented by minors in the City of Washington; and of the prominent place of alcohol in juvenile delinquency. We urge them to continue their investigation into conditions in other American cities tending to make public recreation unsafe for minors and tending to create juvenile delinquency.

Alcoholic Beverage Advertising

Whereas both by expressions through petitions and letters and by sampling of public opinion the American public has expressed itself as opposed to the invasion of the home by alcoholic beverage advertising, especially through radio and television, we call upon the Congress of the United States to pass legislation to protect the American home by outlawing all alcoholic beverage advertising in Interstate Commerce and over the air.

Whereas no one has an inherent right to manufacture and sell alcoholic beverages for human consumption, and therefore has no inherent right to advertise or promote the sale or consumption of such beverages, since they are permitted only by special privilege, and

Whereas the home is the primary target of such advertising, and by it the family—both young and old alike—is being indoctrinated with the false ideas that “beer belongs” and ‘wine is for the family’—something ‘dear old Grandma used to make,’ and that the use of such beverages in moderation is greatly to be desired, and that such indulgence will add to the joy of living and contribute to the general happiness and wellbeing of mankind,

We therefore recommend that all organizations affiliated with the National Temperance and Prohibition Council participate actively and intensively in promoting through their official organs and otherwise, the program of the Council's Committee Against Liquor Advertising, and that they make use of the special materials provided by the Committee.

Billboards

Whereas 40% of the billboards in America display beer, wine and liquor advertising, and whereas these billboards line our highways, and whereas alcoholic beverages are the prime cause of traffic deaths and accidents, we urge all state legislatures to outlaw all beer, wine and liquor billboards which are visible from any main-travelled highway.

Traffic Safety

We commend the President of the United States for his forthright demand to “stop the murder on our highways.” We would point out that the chief factor in traffic accidents is alcohol and that the highway toll over the Christmas weekend proves that ‘making the one for the road coffee’ was an inadequate answer to this problem. We urge the elimination of all places selling alcoholic beverages from the neighborhood of our main travelled highways as a partial, but more effective, approach to the solution of this problem.

Chemical Tests

A number of states have enacted statutes declaring that proof of a chemical test showing the alcoholic content of the blood stream, as determined by breath, or body fluid of persons arrested on a charge of drunken driving, is admissible evidence upon the issue of intoxication. Statistics show that in those states and localities where this practice is followed it has operated to protect the innocent and provided a greater certainty of conviction of intoxicated operators of motor vehicles.

Statutes and procedures which merely allow the introduction of such evidence without providing a method by which it may be lawfully obtained, fall short of their potentialities. We believe that the law should also provide the means for making such tests under circumstances that will insure to the individual all the rights and safeguards guaranteed by the Constitution.

The operation of motor vehicles upon the public highway is a privilege and not a right. It is the duty and right of government to prescribe the reasonable conditions upon which permits for the operation of motor vehicles may be issued, and to withdraw the privilege whenever it is exercised in a manner dangerous to the public safety.

We commend the principle of the statute recently enacted in New York, which declares that any person who operates a motor vehicle or motorcycle in this state shall be deemed to have given his consent to a chemical test of his breath, blood, urine, or saliva for the purpose of determining the alcoholic content of his blood, provided that such test is administered at the direction of a police officer having reasonable grounds to suspect such person of driving in an intoxicated condition. If such person refuses to submit to such chemical test, the test shall not be given, but the commissioner shall revoke his

license or permit to drive and any non-resident operating privileges.

We believe that statutes which will provide for the admissibility of chemical tests as evidence in such cases, and which will afford a method by which such tests may lawfully be made, will do much to rid our highways of intoxicated drivers who are a menace to the public safety.

We commend those organizations and groups which have cooperated in working for the enactment of such legislation and pledge our support to the effort to secure the enactment of similar legislation in states and territories which do not now have it.

Labelling

Whereas beverage alcohol is universally recognized as a dangerous anesthetic chemical when taken internally, and is the known cause of drunken driving, the frequent cause in a large number of divorces, delinquency, murders, sex crimes, and crimes of violence, and is the essential cause of alcoholism; and

Whereas alcohol is the prime ingredient of beer, wine, whiskey and all other alcoholic beverages; and whereas in most instances the alcoholic content of these beverages is not specified except under the disguised and misleading term of "proof", be it resolved that the Council explore ways and means of causing all alcoholic beverages to be specifically and prominently labelled to show the purchasers, at least, the percentage of alcohol by volume therein contained.

Education

Believing that the time has come to rebuild the foundations of American society for an understanding and acceptance of true temperance, we urge immediate Christian action to establish cooperation in the following areas of alcohol education:

(1) An interrelated observance of the Commitment program, with effective implementation of pledges and purposes;

(2) Organization of the fellowship of the Cross—a society of inter-church family groups for commitment follow-up activities;

(3) Support of Christian Schools for Alcohol Study, to which all organizations associated with the Council will be invited to send selected students;

(4) Immediate contact with School Boards for the purpose of adopting sound temperance literature and proper guide books for the training of teachers and counselors in public schools;

(5) Introduction of correct temperance materials into all Seminaries and Bible Training Schools;

(6) Wider use of mass media for the propagation of temperance facts;

(7) Encouragement of Christian movements to set up in all communities modest centers of social activity where youth and adults may learn to play together as Christians without the interruption of alcohol;

(8) Participation in Family Life Conference to

help parents find ways of interesting children in abstinence;

(9) Stimulating pastors and evangelists to so preach temperance that the people may revive the will and find the way to ultimately destroy the beverage alcohol traffic;

(10) To arouse public indignation against the idea and to put a stop to the practice of licensing a narcotic product that already completely incapacitates many more people than the combined scourges of infantile paralysis, tuberculosis and cancer.

The Liquor Traffic's Responsibility

We recommend that our member organizations make it a special duty to emphasize to the general public the impressive contribution which the liquor traffic makes to crime, traffic fatalities, broken homes, poverty, and increased taxes.

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An Age Of Anxiety

The world of our day is marked with fear, anxiety, confusion and frustration. Even as we dare to hope for the best, we are compelled to fear for the worst. The race for atomic weapon leadership is on and the engines of war are becoming more fearsome and terrible with each passing hour. If total war should come, who can predict the outcome? Without God, without Jesus Christ, without repentance, who can predict that total war may not come—and soon?

One thing made abundantly clear in the Word of God is that Godless nations are doomed just as certainly as are Godless individuals. Both may have their day, but ultimately they perish, the nations in time, the individuals in eternity. The axe is laid at the root of the tree and every tree that bears not good fruit must fall. Where there is no repentance, the bite of the axe and the consuming fire will inevitably be felt.

The signs of the times are not good. There are some encouraging signs of revival in certain areas, but these are almost completely overshadowed by the dark low-hanging clouds of sin.

Is Our Time Running Out?

Do the signs of the times indicate that our time may be running out? It was running out with the Jews when Jesus declared that the time was coming when the temple would be destroyed and there would not be left one stone upon another. (Matt. 24:2) The prediction was fulfilled in 70 A.D. But had there been repentance and acceptance of Christ, the doom of that city could have been avoided.

As a nation, the United States is relatively young. We still have our day of grace. Jesus Christ must be proclaimed as never before as our only hope, and repentance called for. Without Him, we are doomed and the world is doomed. He is the hope of the world. May His glory fill the earth!

REQUEST ELIMINATION OF BEER ADVERTISING FROM WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION AND McCALL'S MAGAZINE

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council in carrying forward the Crusade Against Alcoholic Beverage Advertising, is asking those interested in the Crusade to Concentrate their efforts for the present upon **home magazines** which accept beer advertisements; in particular, the Woman's Home Companion and McCall's Magazine. In both of these magazines there was a considerable decrease in the number of their beer advertisements and in the revenue derived therefrom in the year 1953 as compared with 1952.

Woman's Home Companion—Beer Advertisements

1952—Number Beer Ads	11	Revenue	\$209,650.00
1953—Number Beer Ads	5	Revenue	86,100.00
Decrease	6	Decrease	\$123,550.00

McCall's Magazine—Beer and Wine Advertisements

1952—Number Beer or Wine Ads	14	Revenue	\$243,200.00
1953—Number Beer or Wine Ads	9	Revenue	145,420.00
Decrease	5	Decrease	\$ 97,780.00

Woman's Home Companion—Editor, Woodrow Wising, 640 Fifth Ave., New York, 19, N.Y.

McCall's Magazine—Editor & Publisher, Otis Lee Wiese, 230 Park Place, New York 17, N.Y.

We urge communications be sent the editors of these two magazines:

- a. Commending them for not accepting liquor ads.
- b. Commending them for the large **decrease** both in the number and revenue of their beer, or beer and wine ads. in 1953 over 1952.
- c. Appealing to them to cease the publication of all alcoholic beverage advertisements to protect the American home against invasion by the wine and beer interests.
- d. And to join that large number of high grade magazines which refuse to support the alcoholic beverage industry by advertising their products. Of this number, there are twelve (Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, Better Homes and Gardens, etc.) which have a combined circulation of 41,000,000 and which receive revenue of \$174,000,000 from non-alcoholic advertising—all able to survive and prosper without any financial support from traffic in intoxicating liquors.

For further information concerning the Crusade, address:

Dr. R. H. Martin, Chairman,
Committee Against Liquor Advertising, N.T.P.C.,
209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pa.

THE CALIFORNIA CAMPAIGN

The California readers of The Christian Statesman are familiar with the Campaign which has been carried forward for Bible Reading in the public schools of the State by the California Christian Citizens' Association affiliated with the National Reform Association, of which Dr. Walter McCarroll is President, and by the Committee of 100, which developed from the California Branch of the N.R.A., of which Dr. Frank Dyer is chairman.

The question of the constitutionality of Bible Reading in the public schools of the State has been raised and is now before the Attorney General of the State for a ruling.

Dr. Dyer with his wide acquaintanceship and his energetic efforts has made a noteworthy contribution to this cause in the forming of this Committee of 100 prominent citizens of the State and enlisting their support, and building a public sentiment for Bible reading in the schools and bringing this sentiment to bear upon the public authorities. He is arranging meetings at which this issue is discussed and also speaking at meetings.

He sends the following encouraging resolution taken by the Council of Churches of Southern California:

"The Southern California Council of Protestant Churches stands for freedom to read the Bible in the Public Schools of California from selections chosen and provided by the State Board of Education."

Dr. McCarroll is also deserving of great credit for the wise and energetic way in which he has advanced this cause. He also is speaking on this subject and having meetings arranged at which others will speak.

We wish our California friends to know that the National Reform Association is deeply interested in the California Campaign and stands ready to help in carrying it forward in every way it can.

R. H. M.

COMMENDATION

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"Dr. Howard moved a vote of thanks to Dr. Martin for his report. Seconded by Miss Smart. Bishop Hammaker suggested a standing vote. Carried."

In fairness it should be said that this commendation should be shared with others, particularly with Dr. J. R. Patterson who did much of the work in securing the data on liquor advertising contained in the report, and also in carrying forward the Crusade Against Liquor Advertising inaugurated by the Council two years ago and who was assigned to its Committee Against Liquor Advertising and made Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee.

The work of preparing the Annual Report on Liquor Advertising and of carrying forward the Crusade against it is done largely in the National Reform Association office.

—R. H. M.